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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on December 23, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the applicant has elected species 2 represented by figures 4 – 7 and none of the pending claims are readable on this species. The independent claim requires 1) an absorber, 2) an absorbing sheet portion and 3) a support sheet portion wherein the absorbing sheet portion comprises a pair of absorbing sheet bodies (comprised of a cover sheet and an absorber) as shown in figure 4 and in the specification. There is no absorber outside of the absorber in the pair of absorbing sheet bodies, which has already been claimed. The examiner notes that figure 8 is represented by the pending claim language. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michele Kidwell whose telephone number is 571-272-4935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 5:30am - 2:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Schwartz can be reached on 571-272-4390. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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